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Application of :
Yukito KAWAHARA :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place this application in better
condition for a complete examination on the merits, applicant
preliminarily amends his application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with
the following rewritten paragraph:

--A conventional apparatus for reading a fingerprint
uses a capacitance-type semiconductor sensor for detecting a
skin asperity forming the fingerprint based on a difference in

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